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TO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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SUBJECT: IMPORT LICENSES ON PUBLICATIONS

REF: RIO DE JANEIRO 1822

1. THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS (AAP), A TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 95 PERCENT OF U.S. BOOK PUBLISHERS, HAS CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT A REPORTED REQUIREMENT OF IMPORT LICENSES FOR BOOKS. ALTHOUGH THEIR INFORMATION IS VERY SKETCHY, THE AAP WAS ASSURED BY BRAZILIAN SOURCES THAT SUCH A REQUIREMENT HAD BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT.

2. THE AAP CONTACTED THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HERE AND THE BANCO COMERCIAL DE BRASIL IN NEW YORK, BOTH OF WHICH SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH REQUIREMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT NOTES IN REFTEL THAT GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS IMPOSED IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER, NO MENTION IS MADE OF BOOKS.

4. ACTION: THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPRO-

PRIATE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER AN
IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT FOR

BOOKS AS WELL AS PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS OR WHETHER
SUCH A REQUIREMENT IS CONTEMPLATED. REPLY NEEDED BEFORE
MEETING OF GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
BOOK AND LIBRARY PROGRAMS AT WHICH THIS SUBJECT MAY COME
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